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TAGS: BTRA, XF

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PETER L. SUTHERLAND REGARDING MAINE  
CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 295849; B) STATE 080468; C) TEHRAN 4162

1. REPLIES FROM ALL POSTS TO REFERENCE A WERE SENT TO  
JOHN BROWN, CONFERENCE DIRECTOR FOR HIS DIRECT CONTACT WITH  
ARAB AND IRANIAN BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS. IT WAS UNDER-  
STOOD THAT WASHINGTON WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE  
ACTUAL INVITATION PROCESS. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR  
FURTHER CLARIFICATION SUTHERLAND VISIT.

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2. SUTHERLAND TRAVELING AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PRIVATELY

SPONSORED NATIONAL ARAB-AMERICAN-IRANIAN BUSINESS CONFERENCE  
TO BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, AUGUST 2-6, 1976.  
THE CONFERENCE HAS RECEIVED THE UNOFFICIAL SUPPORT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE BOSTON DISTRICT OFFICE  
SATELLITE BRANCH IN PORTLAND, SINCE IT PROMISES TO FURTHER  
U.S.-NEAR EAST TRADE RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE IS  
NOT A U.S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED EVENT.

3. SUTHERLAND WAS ADVISED BEFORE DEPARTURE THAT THE EXTENT  
OF POST ASSISTANCE WOULD DEPEND UPON WORKLOAD, BUT THAT  
EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD TRY TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT POSTS COULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED  
IN ANY COSTS ACCRUING FROM HIS TRIP OR ANY ACTIVITIES  
CONNECTED WITH THE CONFERENCE. SISCO

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